



## 1. WHY DO I EXIST?

### *Does my life really have any significance?*

If you are reading this, you are a representative of the human dimension and you wrestle, as we all do, with the great questions of life. What in the world is life all about anyway? What are we doing spinning around on this planet at almost 1,100 miles per hour, tilted at a 23 degree axis? Why aren't we flying off into the universe? What force is keeping the members of this planet earthbound? Is gravity really all there is to believe in? Certainly, all of us have asked ourselves these questions. Most of the human race are card-carrying members of the "Search for the Meaning of Life Club." Pondering the questions of the human dilemma and struggling for the right answers in a world that seems bent on hiding the truth about the here, the now, and the hereafter seem common to us all.

The fact is, many do not know why they are here and what they are here for. They are living a meaningless life, simply existing. What a sad way to live! There is more to live for than merely satisfying the physical and even intellectual needs of the body and mind.

The God who created you fully expects you to live your life for a higher purpose than just pleasing yourself. He wants you to glorify Him. The Bible says these words, "so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:6).

You are so important to God that He invites you to have a personal relationship with Him. The Bible tells us that God has a wonderful purpose for each and every life. That purpose begins with experiencing God's love—and at that moment—being made into the image of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Here is how the Bible says it, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son..." (Romans 8:28–29). You and I were created to bear the image of Jesus Christ and to make the truth of God known to all men.

When Jesus was on the earth, He called His disciples to become a part of an incredible mission. That mission was finding people whose lives had no meaning—people who were cut off from God through sin—and restoring them to a loving relationship with their Creator. You have a reason to exist—a wonderful cosmic purpose for life—and you can achieve direction in life by connecting with Jesus Christ. He will give you a reason to exist—a significant purpose for living.